

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 There is provided a plane light source unit having a plane  
light pipe constituted by upper and lower surfaces and an  
incidence side surface which is one of side surfaces between  
the upper and lower surfaces, and a linear light pipe including  
a light supply surface and having a refractive index higher  
than that of the plane light pipe. At least one point light  
source is disposed on the linear light pipe, and light incident  
from the at least one point light source is converted into light  
10 of a linear light source by the linear light pipe. The linear  
light pipe is disposed so as to make the light supply surface  
of the linear light pipe face the incidence side surface of  
the plane light pipe, and light of the linear light source exiting  
from the light supply surface so as to be incident on the incidence  
15 side surface is converted into light of a plane light source  
by means of the plane light pipe. There is further provided  
a liquid-crystal display device at least having the plane light  
source unit and a liquid crystal cell.

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